GREENFIELD

On Campus

A monthly publication for the faculty and staff of Greenfield Community College

October 1993

United Way campaign begins with employee breakfast October 18

A free, all-you-can-eat breakfast buffet for faculty and staff will kick off the annual United Way Campaign on Monday, October 18. The breakfast will be hosted by President **Kay Sloan,** chair of the 1993 United Way of Franklin County Campaign, and **Jean Simmons**, acting director of health occupations/nursing, who is coordinating the college's campaign. The breakfast, from 7:30 a.m. to 8:30 a.m. in the cafeteria, is being organized by Director of Student Life **Merryl Sackin**.

"Your contribution to this campaign will support the work of the many human service agencies and provide hope and help to thousands of people in the 26 towns across Franklin County," says Jean. Pledge cards will be issued at the breakfast, and people have several options for giving:

• COMEC (Commonwealth of Massachusetts Employees Campaign). To designate part or all of your gift to participating agencies, select the appropriate numbers and mark in the space provided on your pledge card. COMEC contributions can be made through payroll deduction.

• The United Way of Franklin County will accept full payment or bill you directly. You may choose to donate to Community Care (for local distribution), one area of service, or designate to a specific agency. Use the "Comments" section to add additional agency selections for your donation. (The code numbers are four digit, but five spaces are provided, Jean notes, so "just ignore one of the boxes.")

Jean says that while the GCC campaign will be considered successful "if we generate many dollars," any donation—even a single dollar—adds to the percentage of employees participating. Pledge cards should be returned to S424 by Monday, October 25.

The campaign is already off to a good start thanks to a vote by the student activities council to donate to the United Way proceeds from this year's annual Halloween Murder Mystery Dinner Theater. It is the second year in a row that the activities council has voted to do this.

The Halloween Murder Mystery Dinner Theater will be held on Friday, October 29 at 6 p.m. in the cafeteria Tickets for faculty, students and staff are $10 ($13 for the general public), and may be purchased from the Office for Student Life.

What is it?

This drawing is found on the business card of Thomas Hemmings, professor of human ecology. If you think you know what it is, send your answer to Russell Powell by November 1 (hint: Dick Little is ineligible!)

Community college presidents, chancellor Koplik coming to campus

The state's Council of Community College Presidents will hold its October meeting at GCC on Thursday, October 21. **Stanley Z. Koplik**, the state's new chancellor of higher education, will attend and plans to tour the college.

Koplik will be the second high-ranking education official to visit campus this month. State Secretary of Education **Piedad Robertson** came to campus for an informal luncheon on Friday 8.

What's New

The following faculty were selected to participate in the fall 1993 international studies faculty development workshop: **Zahiruddin Alim** (economics), **Helen Boland** (biology), **Kate Finnegan** (early childhood education), **Mary Ellen Kelly** (writing assistance), **Laurel Peltier** (English), **Judi Singley** (emerging careers), and **Anne Wiley** (women's re-entry).

The international studies committee selected participants from applications that were most consistent with the intent of the college's Title VI-A grant, says **Martha Field**, coordinator of international affairs. Each participant will receive an honorarium and be required to submit a short report outlining a curriculum development project at the conclusion of the workshop.

The workshop began September 29, facilitated by Dr. **George Urch**, director of the Center for International Education at the University of Massachusetts at Amherst.

The workshop is one of several activities supported by a two-year, $74,000 Title VI-Agrant awarded to the college in June by the U. S. Department of Education's Center for International Studies and Foreign Languages. The purpose of the grant is to enhance the college's foreign language program and add an international perspective to the curriculum.

Economics professor **Zahiruddin Muhammed Alim** will moderate a panel on "Islam and Politics: Traditionalism versus Rethinking" at a two-day conference, "Marxism and Its Others: Antagonisms, Resolutions, Reversals" at the University of Massachusetts Friday, October 29 and Saturday, October 30. Economics professor **Nahid Tabatabai** will be a member of the panel, which will be held on Saturday, October 30 from 1 p.m. to 3 p.m. in the Campus Center 162-75. Trustee **Michael Ford** will be a panelist that same afternoon from 3:30 p.m. to 5:30 p.m. on the topic, "Reading Rodney King/Reading Urban Uprising," in Thompson 104. Ford is dean of multicultural affairs at Hampshire College. The conference is free and open to the public.

A number of faculty and staff attended a two-day conference on racism and civility at the University of Massachusetts September 28-29. The conference attracted more than 6,000 participants to attend a number of workshops and listen to speakers including entertainer Bill Cosby, a UMass graduate. Attending the conference from GCC were:

Title III Coordinator **Martha Banda**, counselor **Mike Bathory**, Assistant Dean of Academic Affairs **Linda Cavanaugh**, chemistry professor **Ana Gaillat**, early childhood education professor **Kate Finnegan**, Director of Diversity **Herb Hentz**, secretary **Corey Hickey**, English professor **Joanne Hayes**, **Mary Ellen Kelly**, coordinator of the writing assistance program, **Jane Lerner**, coordinator of learning assistance programs, **Carolyn Nims**, professor of English as a Foreign Language, criminal justice professor **Jerry Richards**, Dean of Academic Affairs **Ira Rubenzahl**, **Jean Simmons**, acting director of health occupations and nursing, President **Kay Sloan**, **Phyllis Nahman**, coordinator of the English program, and **Anne Wiley**, coordinator of the women's re-entry program.

New members of the Greenfield Community College Foundation include chemistry professor **John Callahan**, Assistant Dean of Student Records and Research **Larry Dean**, Campus Police Chief **Val Knowlton** and her husband **Richard**, who is president of the GCC Alumni/ae Association, **Tom Lewis**, coordinator of business, industry and agency programs, geology professor **Dick Little**, **Jean Simmons**, acting director of health occupations and nusrsing, and **Bob Welsh**, chair of the business cluster. Faculty emeritus **David Harvey** and his wife **Dolores** were also named members of the Foundation at the Foundation's 25th anniversary annual meeting on September 29 in the cafeteria.

Greenfield realtor **Robert S. Cohn,** a GCC graduate, was elected to a two-year term as president of the Foundation at the meeting, succeeding **Pat Allen**. Other officers elected were **Risky Case**, vice president; **William Freeman**, treasurer; **Jane L. Plumley**, assistant treasurer; and **Timothy Rice**, secretary.

Gail Callahan, **William Freeman**, **Charlene Houghton** , and **Lee Kuhns** were elected to three-year terms on the Foundation's board of directors. **John R. Mason** was elected to a one-year term.

Also named members of the Foundation were **Frederick** and **Paulette Billiel**, **Jeff** and **Nancy Bohne**, **David** and **Connie Damery**, Dr. **Wayne Gavryck**, **Alfred** and **Saliy Griggs**, **Elizabeth Hefner**, **John** and **Kathleen Jaworski**, **Ray Kuhns**, **George** and **Luella McLaughlin**, and **Ruth Shaw**.

The Greenfield Community College Foundation is the oldest foundation of its kind in the state. The Foundation is a not-for-profit, independent corporation organized in 1968 to receive and distribute funds to the college and its students, and to serve as an integral link between the college and the community. Among the Foundation's gifts in recent years have been funds to renovate the Sloan Theater and the television studio, for student scholarships, and for faculty and staff development.

Charlie Carter has announced his intention to resign as dean of administrative services, effective November 1. He will remain at the college as director of development and special projects and will assume responsibility for fundraising, alumni affairs and all issues related to the acquisition and development of additional space.

Hank Henry, who has been supervising plant and facilities since the summer, will continue to work with the college as a special project consultant on a limited basis throughout the current academic year.

John Pride, institutional maintenance foreman, became acting director of the physical plant effective September 26 to provide coordination during this transitional period.

A search for a new dean of administrative services is anticipated in the spring, with a goal of filling the position in July or August.

Trustee **Richard Cromack** was named chair of the board of trustees of the Eastern States Exposition at the board's annual meeting September 25. Cromack, a Colrain resident, is president of the Greenfield Cooperative Bank. He has been an Eastern States trustee since 1981. He is a part-time sheep farmer and operates the Spurr Brook Farm. He is a director of the Franklin Medical Center and the Franklin County Chamber of Commerce.

A past president of the Greenfield Community College Foundation, Richard was appointed to a five-year term on GCC's board of trustees in 1990.

EDP Programmer I **Kelly Dapprich** traveled to Lawton, Oklahoma, September 24-26 with the Shutesbury Athletic Club slo-pitch softball team. Kelly's team placed 8th in a field of 82 at the national Amateur Softball Association championships.

The team, which is managed by **Bob Carey Sr.**, husband of EDP Programmer IV **Sylvia Carey**, won the Greenfield Men's League championship and the state ASA 'B' Division tournament before qualifying for the nationals with a second place finish in the New England tournament. Their season record was 68-17.

Kelly played outfield for the team, which included Sylvia's sons **Bob Jr.** and **Dave**. At the national tournament, the team won its first three games despite losing their shortstop to an injury and after enduring a rain delay that forced them to end one game at 1 a.m. and then play again at 7 a.m.!

Thomas Hemmings, professor of human ecology, has recently formed a science consulting business, Northeast Geoarchaeology. The business offers a variety of archaeological, geological, environmental and educational services to landowners, companies, municipal or governmental agencies, non-profit organizations and schools and colleges. Hemmings has nearly 30 years of science reserach and teaching experience, including more than four years of work at the Arkansas Archaeological Survey under then-Governor Bill Clinton's administration.

For the second year in a row, **Russell Powell**, director of marketing and public relations, will be race director for the Amherst Arts Classic 10K road race. A fundraiser for the arts, the race features a beautiful and challenging course in north Amherst, live music along the route, chalk art in the streets, hand-crafted awards presented by State Rep. Ellen Story, designer long-sleeve t-shirts and home-baked goods at the end!

The race begins at 9:30 a.m. on Saturday, October 23, at the Mill River Recreation Area off Route 63. Entry is $12. For more information (or an entry form!) contact Russell at extension 296.

Switchboard Operator **Phyllis Schempp** will retire October 29 after 18 years of service at GCC. Phyllis joined the custodial crew in February and was promoted to head custodian in March 1989. Due to health reasons she was transferred to the switchboard one year ago. "GCC is a second home. When I leave I will be leaving a part of me behind," Phyllis says. Her cheerful presence will be missed greatly.

Transfer coordinator **Rob Yacubian** has recently returned from a mission to Armenia. With 45 other Armenian-Americans he surveyed the current situation in this land-locked country surrounded by non-Christians. Armenia was very Westernized, Rob found, but under tremendous hardship. All gas and oil pipelines have been bombed, necessitating the rationing of electricity and—despite the upcoming winter—heat. There was many a day, says Rob, where a bath and a shave were with cold water and elevators in the hotel were not working. When there was no electricity, there was no water.

Rob found, however, that the spirit of the people in the Republic of Armenia is still not broken. Armenia's second anniversary of independence was celebrated while he was there. He met the president, Levon Ter-Petrosian, foreign ministers, the Catholicos of the Armenian Apostolic Church around the world, as well as the natives in schools, refugee housing (from Nargorno-Karabakh), senior centers, the National Ballet and many others. At the moment Armenia has conquered 20 percent of Azerbaijan, which was originally Armenia's land until Stalin gave it to the Azeris in 1920. Armenia is the only former Soviet republic that has the same president. There have been upheavals in other republics, but Armenia has remained stable.

Paintings by Junichi Itahashi on view in South Gallery

Recent paintings by Junichi Itahashi are on exhibit in the South Gallery through Friday, October 22.

Itahashi studied in Japan but has lived in the United States since the late 1970s. He taught at the Pratt Graphics Center in Brooklyn, and his works are in the permanent collections of a number of museums and corporations, including the Boston Museum of Fine Arts and the Museum of Modern Art in New York City. He now lives in Charlemont.

There's still time to step up to aerobics

Liz Carroll, secretary in the business office, reports that there has been an "excellent" turnout for the Steps Aerobics Class that was offered as part of the Wellness program this past summer and again this fall. The class is held in the mini-gym on Mondays and Wednesdays from 3:30 p.m. to 4:30 p.m.; the fee is $10 for the semester. Anyone interested in joining should contact **Jeff Coulson**, director of wellness, fitness and athletics at extension 274. "It's a great way to end your day and unwind from those daily stresses!" says Liz.

If you'd rather start your day with exercise, let Jeff know. There's already beensome interest expressed in forming an early morning aerobics class, and if enough people respond, Jeff will arrange it.

College Fair scheduled October 21

Get ready for some heavy foot traffic in the main lobby on Thursday, October 21. That's when the annual College Fair organized by transfer coordinator **Rob Yacubian** will be held, bringing representatives from more than 100 four-year public and private colleges to campus from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. They'll be on hand to meet with GCC students who intend to transfer, and with high school students and guidance counselors from Franklin County and southern Vermont and New Hampshire. Representatives from a number of art schools will be in the South Gallery to view portfolios of potential art students as well.

"This is the largest event of its kind sponsored by any of the 15 public community colleges in Massachusetts," says Rob, who extends a special 'thank you' to the Greenfield YMCA, which is loaning tables for the event.

Deadline for the November issue of On Campus is Monday, November 1. Send your news to Russell Powell, office of public relations.

'Math Connection' prepares to start a fifth season

Make it five years in a row for *The Math Connection.* The college's award-winning public access television program for students in grades three through six has been refunded for the fifth straight year. *The Math Connection* has been awarded a grant of $68,931 from the Dwight D. Eisenhower Math and Science Education Act, which is funded through the Massachusetts Higher Education Coordinating Council.

Karen Green is executive producerof *The Math Connection.* The show is produced by **Garry Longe**, coordinator of television services and **Joe Lada**. Associate Academic Dean **Linda Cavanaugh** is the on-air host,

The following projects will continue this year:

• *The Math Connection* will produce 16 programs at the college's television studio that will be shown on cable access stations in Greenfield, Shelburne-Buckland, Turners Falls, Amherst, Northampton and Northfield;

• The Third Annual Math Connection Conference for area students will be sponsored by *The Math Connection* in March 1994;

• A problem-solving course for teachers will be offered in late October at GCC in collaboration with the Consortium for Math and Science.

The Math Connection will be expanding this year to produce three bilingual programs in Holyoke (*La Coneccion Matematica*) in cooperation with the QUASAR Project at Mount Holyoke College. The programs will air on Continental Cable in Holyoke.

A new addition to the grant is the "Family Math Connection". A four-part series on hands-on math activities will be offered to teams of parents and their children in Greenfield, Buckland-Shelburne, Turners Falls, and South Deerfield. The activities will be chosen to maximize student and parent involvement with math concepts and each other. This will be an evening program.

North end wiring about to begin

The wiring of the north end of the building to accommodate the eventual installation of computers in faculty offices will begin on Monday, October 25. The project, part of the college's Title III grant, will be done during evenings and weekends, and is expected to be complete by Thanksgiving.

An evening of chamber music October 27

"An Evening of Chamber Music" featuring the Ancora Chamber Ensemble will be held on Wednesday, October 27 at 7:30 p.m. in the Sloan Theater. Music from the medieval and renaissance to the avant garde and jazz will be performed.

Women in education, American imperialism, and the world at absolute zero are topics for President's Lecture Series

The 1993 President's Distinguished Lecture Series continues this month and next with lectures each of the next three Wednesdays, beginning at 12 noon in the Sloan Theater. Here's the lineup for the series, which is coordinated by English professor **Faythe Turner**:

Wednesday, October 20

Dr. **Robert B. Hallock**, who chairs the department of physics and astronomy at the University of Massachusetts at Amherst, will speak on the topic, **"Near the Absolute Zero Temperature: A Trip to the Magical Kingdom"**. The lecture will begin at room temperature and briefly describe phenomena encountered as one cools to very low temperatures and the subsequent "spectacular" behavior of matter once these temperatures are reached. Hallock has studied the fundamental propoerties of matter at temperatures near absolute zero (-495.4 degrees F) for the past 25 years, with much of his work aimed at unraveling the secrets of helium in its liquid states.

Wednesday, October 27

Dr. **Peggy R. Williams**, president of Lyndon State College in Lyndonville, VT, will speak on **"Women in Higher Education: Trends and Issues"**. She is chair of the American Council of Education's Commission on the Status of Women, and has a long list of academic credentials involving everything from athletics to teacher preparation.. She became president of Lyndon State in 1989, and previously held administrative and faculty positions at Trinity College in Burlington, VT, Johnson State College and the Community College of Vermont. She chairs the Harvard Graduate School of Education's alumni council, co-chairs the President's Panel on Results-Oriented Program Approval to improve teacher preparation, and is a member of the Council of Presidents of the National Association of Intercollegiate Athletics.

Wednesday, November 3

Mary Renda, who teaches history and women's studies at Amherst College, will speak on **"Imperialism and American Culture: Lessons from the United States' Military Intervention in Haiti"**. Renda views international affairs as affecting the lives of *all* Americans. She says she sees our fates tied in a real way to our government's policy decisions and to how those decisions are implemented. These concerns and "the profound impact American culture has on the rest of the world" will be at the center of Renda's lecture.

Works by Julie Hall on exhibit

Paintings by Heath artist **Julie Hall** are on view this month in the President's Gallery. Hall is originally from southern California, and received her BFA from Art Center College of Design in Los Angeles. She has lived and worked in New York City and Vermont. She spent seven years living and painting in Guatemala in the town of Chimaltenango before moving to Heath in 1981.

Apple discounts, rentals available

Apple Computer, Inc. is offering discounts on Apple Macintosh computers and accessories to faculty, staff and students. Here's how it works:

Once you've chosen the computer or accessory you'd like to purchase, see technical assistant **John Canon** in the media center to verify eligibility and to receive a form which shows you qualify for the discuount. Then you become responsible for contacting Apple at 1-800-877-HIED for ordering information. Apple will ship all products to your home address. Shipping time depends upon availability of the specific product you are purchasing.

Apple also has an Apple Computer Loan Program available. Contact John (extension 262) for details.

Spanish classes resume

The faculty/staff Spanish class is back! After a year's hiatus, "Basic Spanish for Communication" for beginners has returned. Taught by **Jeanne Mullaney**, the class meets Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays from 1:15 p.m. to 1:45 p.m. in S320, the humanities conference room. There is no homework or tests, and people are encouraged to come when they can.

People looking for a more advanced level can attend a brown-bag Spanish lunch hour on Fridays from 12 noon to 1 p.m., also in S320, with **Charlotte Gifford**.

For more information, call Charlotte at extension 304.

Meet the president

President **Kay Sloan** has scheduled several times in the next month to meet informally to hear people's comments, questions and concerns. The dates and times are as follows:

Monday, October 18
12 noon
Sloan Theater

An open meeting with a question-and-answer format, looking at current issues affecting the college, such as space.

Tuesday, October 19
8 a.m. to 9:30 a.m.
President's Office

Open office hours featuring light refreshments and an informal discussion.

Wednesday, November 17
8 a.m. to 9:30 a.m.
President's Office

Open office hours featuring light refreshments and an informal discussion.

Workshops, forms now available for public relations

The Office of Public Relations has developed new forms for press releases and other public relations work for the 1993-94 year. Sample copies are attached to this newsletter and can be copied for further use. Forms will also be sent to everyone on campus, and will also be available from the nearest dean's office or from **Jodi Dwyer** (C228; ext. 270) or **Russell Powell** (C231; ext. 296).

Workshops on how to use the forms and obtain publicity for your event will be held in the dean's conference room on Wednesday, October 20 and Thursday, October 21, from 1 p.m. to 2 p.m.

Ethel Dow Wells scholarships available

Faculty are urged to share with their students information about this year's Ethel Dow Wells Scholarships. There are 11 $300 scholarships available for the 1993-94 school year (including the current semester). Students must be full-time (12 credits or more), and have resided in Franklin County for at least two years prior to the fall semester.

Selection is based on financial need and academic standing. Deadline to apply is Friday, October 29. Applications are available in the financial aid office; for more information, call **Susan Olmstead**, assistant director of financial aid, at extension 236.

Looking for a few good testimonials

The public relations office is looking for some GCC standouts for testimonial advertisements about the college for television, radio and newspapers. Whether they have just transferred to a great college, are professionals in the community or recent graduates of GCC, if you think they'd make good candidates please forward their nameto Jodi Dwyer (extension 270) by November 1. Current students will also be considered.

Catalog meeting October 19

An open meeting to discuss the 1994-95 college catalog will be held on Tuesday, October 19, from 1 p.m. to 2 p.m. in the dean's conference room. This is everyone's chance to make their feelings known about anything having to do with the catalog, from the date it is published to the paper it is printed on!

Specific issues under consideration include whether or not to incorporate the student handbook into the catalog, organization of the academic programs, and the level and type of information that should be included under the course descriptions. But whatever your issues are, this is an opportunity to bring them to a discussion involving people from all over campus. If you can't make it, send your comments in writing to Russell Powell by October 19.

Fall fitness hours

Fitness Center hours for the fall semester are:

Monday—Thursday
7 a.m. to 7 p.m.
Friday
7 a.m. to 5 p.m.

For more information, contact **Jeff Coulson**, director of wellness, fitness and athletics, at extension 352. He can also tell you about the soccer and volleyball games that are being scheduled this fall.

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Send your news items (new appointments, promotions, awards, grants, published work, weddings, births and other personal and professional accomplishments) to Jodi Dwyer or Russell Powell by the first Monday of the month for inclusion in that month's issue (November 1 for the November issue).

PRESS RELEASE REQUEST FORM

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